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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 636
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Tennessee Temple High School Boys' Basketball Team on winning the TSSAA Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize the accomplishments of those outstanding athletic teams who work hard, demonstrate exceptional dedication and diligence, and attain excellence in their respective sports; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Temple High School Crusaders are one such estimable team; during their outstanding 2001-2002 basketball season, they earned the title of TSSAA Class A State Champions; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Temple High School compiled a phenomenal record of 34 wins against only 3 losses, and also earned their second consecutive District 5A Championship and the Region 3A Championship; and

WHEREAS, after capturing the District 5A Tournament Championship, Tennessee Temple breezed past Sale Creek High School, Lookout Valley High School, and Tyner High

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School en route to the Region 3A Championship and then defeated Westmoreland in the Sectionals to earn a berth in the TSSAA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Crusaders continued their remarkable post-season performance as they defeated Hancock County High School in the First Round and Donelson Christian Academy in the Final Four to advance to the State Championship game against top-ranked Ezell-Harding Christian School; and

WHEREAS, displaying tremendous poise and determination, Tennessee Temple High School emerged victorious over Ezell-Harding by the score of 58-45; and

WHEREAS, this team was composed of talented players, many of whom garnered individual awards and honors, including Jake Skogen, who was named to the Class A All-Tournament Team and Most Valuable Player of the Class A State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Jake Skogen, Jeron Williams and Ryan Wadley were named to the Class A All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, the members of this outstanding team are Seniors, Zach Gann, David Wiedenbenner, Nathan Phillips, Johnny Hutchison, Micah Crouch, Jeron Williams and Josh Moore; Juniors, Isaiah Mouw, Ryan Wadley, Jake Skogen and Tim Bartlett; and Freshmen, Caleb Skogen and Sean Wadley; and

WHEREAS, the Crusaders were inspired to greater heights by the expert coaching of highly respected Head Coach Dan Wadley and Assistant Coach Kevin Skogen; and

WHEREAS, the team was capably assisted by Manager, Michael Colquette; Bookkeeper, Gilda Gann; and Statisticians, Stephen Cudd, David Prairie, and Zane Seals; and

WHEREAS, Crusaders enjoyed the enthusiastic support of Tennessee Temple High School's cheerleaders, administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans; and

WHEREAS, the athletic excellence attained by this phenomenal basketball program is a tribute to the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of coaches and players alike, and deserves special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate the Tennessee Temple High School Boys' Basketball Team on earning the 2002 TSSAA Class A State Championship, join with their fellow students, teachers, families, and friends in celebrating their remarkable success, and wish them the best in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.